IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and add new Claims 32-47. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Claims 1-31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (new): An information processing apparatus connected with an external information processing apparatus and a peripheral apparatus via a network, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining a device driver, which controls the peripheral device, delivered by the external information processing apparatus in response to a delivery of the device driver to the external information processing apparatus, wherein the device driver is obtained from the external information processing apparatus without issuing to the external information processing apparatus a request for the device driver; and

control means for preparing the device driver obtained by said obtaining means so that the device driver is in an executable status.

Claim 33 (new): An information processing apparatus according to claim 32, further comprising driving means for, after obtaining the device driver, executing the device driver in response to completion of preparation of the device driver to drive the peripheral device.

Claim 34 (new): An information processing apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the peripheral device includes a printing apparatus and the device driver is a printer driver.

Claim 35 (new): An information processing apparatus according to claim 34, further comprising input means for inputting image information, wherein said driving means controls the printing apparatus to print the image information by executing the device driver.

Claim 36 (new): An information processing apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said obtaining means remotely calls a reception program for receiving the device driver in the external information processing apparatus via a remote procedure call.

Claim 37 (new): A method for controlling an information processing apparatus connected with an external information processing apparatus and a peripheral apparatus via a network, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining a device driver, which controls the peripheral device, delivered by the external information processing apparatus in response to a delivery of the device driver to the external information processing apparatus, wherein the device driver is obtained from the external information processing apparatus without issuing to the external information processing apparatus a request for the device driver; and

a control step of preparing the device driver obtained in said obtaining step

so that the device driver is in an executable status.

Claim 38 (new): A method according to claim 37, further comprising a driving step of, after obtaining the device driver, executing the device driver in response to completion of preparation of the device driver to drive the peripheral device.

Claim 39 (new): A method according to claim 38, wherein the peripheral device includes a printing apparatus and the device driver is a printer driver.

Claim 40 (new): A method according to claim 39, further comprising an input step of inputting image information, wherein said driving step includes controlling the printing apparatus to print the image information by executing the device driver.

Claim 41 (new): A method according to claim 37, wherein said obtaining step includes remotely calling a reception program for receiving the device driver in the external information processing apparatus via a remote procedure call.

Claim 42 (new): A computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for implementing a method of controlling an information processing apparatus connected with an external information processing apparatus and a peripheral apparatus via a network, wherein the computer program includes:

procedure code for an obtaining step of obtaining a device driver, which controls the peripheral device, delivered by the external information processing apparatus in response to a delivery of the device driver to the external information processing apparatus, wherein the device driver is obtained from the external information processing apparatus without issuing to the external information processing apparatus a request for the device driver; and

procedure code for a control step of preparing the device driver obtained in the obtaining step so that the device driver is in an executable status.

Claim 43 (new): A computer program product according to claim 42, wherein the computer program further includes procedure code for a driving step of, after obtaining the device driver, executing the device driver in response to completion of preparation of the device driver to drive the peripheral device.

Claim 44 (new): A computer program product according to claim 43, wherein the peripheral device includes a printing apparatus and the device driver is a printer driver.

Claim 45 (new): A computer program product according to claim 44, wherein the computer program further includes procedure code for an input step of inputting image information, wherein the driving step includes controlling the printing apparatus to print the image information by executing the device driver.

Claim 46 (new): A computer program product according to claim 42, wherein the obtaining step includes remotely calling a reception program for receiving the device driver in the external information processing apparatus via a remote procedure call.

Claim 47 (new): A network system comprising a peripheral device, a first information processing apparatus storing a device driver for driving the peripheral device, and a second information processing apparatus,

wherein said first information processing apparatus includes:

transfer means for transferring the device driver from said first information processing apparatus without receiving a request for obtaining the device driver from said second information processing apparatus, and

wherein said second information processing apparatus includes:

obtaining means for obtaining, from said first information processing apparatus, the device driver transferred from said first information processing apparatus; and

storing means for storing the device driver after setting the peripheral device to a controllable status in response to the obtaining means obtaining the device driver.